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SUBJECT: PRESS GUIDANCE: PRC TRANSFER OF IRBM'S TO
SAUDI ARABIA

1. THE FOLLOWING PRESS GUIDANCE WAS PREPARED AND USED IN
CONNECTION WITH THE 03/18/88 WASHINGTON TIMES AND
WASHINGTON POST ARTICLES CONCERNING THE TRANSFER OF
CHINESE IRBM'S TO SAUDI ARABIA.

2. Q: WAS THE CHINESE SALE OF IRBM'S TO SAUDI ARABIA
RAISED DURING FOREIGN MINISTER WU'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON?

3. A: SECRETARY SHULTZ RAISED THE PRC'S TRANSFER OF
IRBM'S TO SAUDI ARABIA WITH FOREIGN MINISTER WU XUEQIAN
DURING HIS VISIT TO WASHINGTON. FOREIGN MINISTER WU
REPLIED THAT CHINA WILL NOT EXPORT NUCLEAR WEAPONS TO ANY
COUNTRY. WE HAVE SINCE RAISED THIS ISSUE WITH OTHER
CHINESE OFFICIALS AND THEY HAVE REPEATED THESE ASSURANCES.

4. Q: WHAT IS THE US REACTION TO THE PRC'S ROLE IN THE
TRANSFER OF IRBM'S TO SAUDI ARABIA?

5. A: THE UNITED STATES HAS WORKED CONSISTENTLY TO
PREVENT THE PROLIFERATION OF BALLISTIC MISSILE SYSTEMS.
ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS WE HAVE RAISED WITH CHINA OUR DESIRE
TO CONTROL PROLIFERATION OF MISSILE TECHNOLOGIES OF THIS
SORT. WE REMAIN GREATLY CONCERNED WITH THE IMPLICATIONS
FOR PEACE AND STABILITY INHERENT IN THE INTRODUCTION OF
THIS WEAPONS SYSTEMS INTO THE MIDDLE EAST.. WE WILL
CONTINUE TO BE IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH THE PRC GOVERNMENT ON
THIS MATTER.

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